

**“An Attitude of Giving:  
The Jesus Model”  
Matthew 4:23-25**

**[Eight-year old Danny Dutton’s Essay: “Explain God.”]**

Jesus had called His first disciples, and began modeling for the ministry He would entrust to them. In this model, Jesus shows a genuine attitude of giving.

**1. An attitude of giving in His teaching (v. 23)**

***“...Teaching in their synagogues...”***

- When you teach, you impart truth, you give solutions to problems, and direction to those who are lost
- Teaching comes from life-experiences

**2. An attitude of giving in His preaching (v. 23)**

***“...Preaching the Good News of the kingdom...”***

- Preaching (in the original language, the word is proclaim, like a king’s herald proclaiming a message) or proclaiming a life-changing message: God is here! God is approachable!
- Proclaiming that God loves you, and He wants you to have a fulfilling life, an abundant life, living by His kingdom rules

**3. An attitude of giving in His healing (v. 23-24)**

***“...Healing every disease and sickness among the people.”  
“So they brought to Him all those who were afflicted...”  
“And He healed them.”***

- Jesus did not discriminate against others because of their nationality or skin color or gender. Jesus accepted people as they were, and tried to move them to do better. There is no room in the Christian’s heart for prejudice against others.
- Nothing was too difficult for Jesus. He healed every disease and sickness. There was no charge, no offerings taken, or no special favors asked. Jesus met people where they were, and He met their needs. Whatever your need is today, come to Jesus and allow Him to help you through your difficulty.

Jesus gave of Himself. He understood life in our world, and He gave of Himself so that we can have a relationship with God, so that our sins could be forgiven, and we would spend eternity with God in heaven. Jesus lived a life of giving—**will you commit to having a giving attitude? An attitude that says, “I give my life to You, God. Let me give in every area of my life.”**